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Re: Application of **Daikichi FUKUSHIMA, Shiro SHIBAYAMA**
and **Hideaki TADA** entitled "**NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES, CDNA**
ENCODING THE SAME, AND USE OF THEM"
Assignee: **ONO PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.**
Our Ref: **Q77131**

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/700,397 (Confirmation No. 3598) filed November 14, 2000, of **Daikichi FUKUSHIMA, Shiro SHIBAYAMA** and **Hideaki TADA** entitled "**NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES, CDNA ENCODING THE SAME, AND USE OF THEM**"; which in turn is a 371 of PCT/JP99/02485, filed May 13, 1999.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims, Abstract, and a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (as filed in the prior application).

Also filed simultaneously herewith is a Preliminary Amendment, Information Disclosure Statement (accompanied by Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) - listing references cited by Applicants and/or the Examiner during prosecution of the prior application) and a Statement in Support of Submission (accompanied by the substitute Sequence Listing).

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1634.

Priority is claimed from:

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Application No</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> |
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The priority document was filed in Parent Application No. 09/700,397 during entry of National Stage.

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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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